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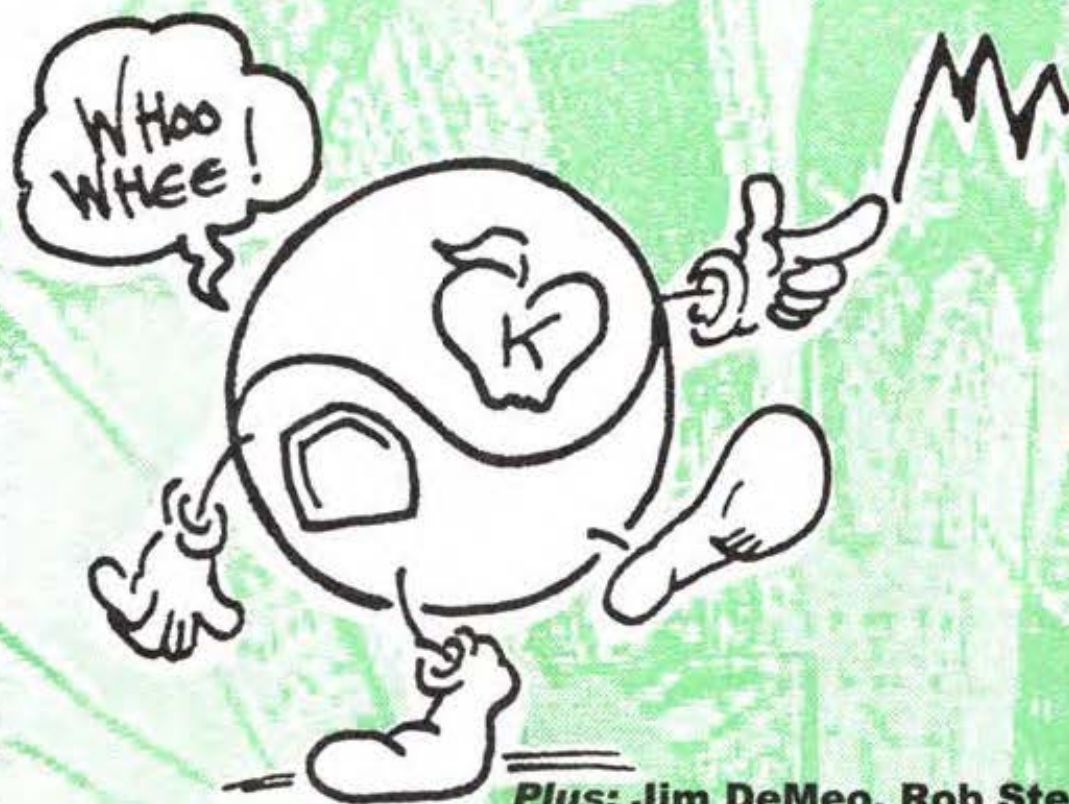
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Nine-Eleven Epilogue

By Kenn Thomas

Ever expanding and morphing into new, more sinister applications, the PROMIS software remains a thing of legend and fact. Legend has it that the ECHELON satellite system, which can photograph automobile license plates from outer space, utilizes some mutation of PROMIS' extrapolation capabilities to fill in the visual contents of those long distance photos (1). Fact has it that the coming "smart card", a credit-card-sized surveillance tool that can hold over five gigabytes of information on its holder, has been pioneered in the Hong Kong transit system under the name of the "Octopus" card. (2)

Fact and legend about PROMIS came together after the world-changing disasters that occurred on September 11, 2001. An Irish nationalist known as "McGuffin" gave an unsourced report that Osama Bin Laden avoided capture by the US military in the months after the World Trade Tower and Pentagon crashes by using PROMIS. He asserted that the FBI turncoat Robert Hanssen passed the version of PROMIS used by British and German intelligence onto Russia, where it proceeded to find itself in the hands of the notorious chief Arab terrorist. (3)

The Justice Department reporter for the *Washington Times* picked up the story and concluded that "The sophisticated software gives Bin Laden access to databases on specific targets of his choosing and the ability to monitor electronic banking transactions, easing money-laundering operations for himself or others."

The Justice department's complaint against Hanssen charges that he made extensive use of FOIMS (Field Office Information Management Systems) and COIN (Community On-Line Intelligence Systems), two of the FBI's known case

management software systems. The *Times* quotes sources as saying "FOIMS and COINS are believed to be upgraded versions of the PROMIS software program." (4)

"McGuffin" claims that Inslaw's Bill Hamilton told him that Osama Bin Laden paid the Russians \$2 million dollars for an upgraded version of the software, called "Enhanced PROMIS". The *Times* quotes Hamilton as having no specific information about Hanssen, but suggested that a technical manual given by Hanssen to the Russians according to the FBI, was "related to the use of PROMIS as the standard software of the US intelligence community." "McGuffin" argues that "Hanssen, before his arrest, had played an important role in installing [PROMIS] in MI5, MI6 and [Germany's] BND." (5)

Michael Riconosciuto himself claimed to have met Bin Laden in the Spring of 1986 while networking with representatives of the anti-Soviet *mujahadeen*. Danger Man proposed to sell shoulder-held missile launchers—called MANPADS, or Man Portable Air Defense Systems—for use against Soviet helicopters. According to the story, Bin Laden at the time traveled under the name "Tim Osman," a pseudonym supplied "by the CIA for his tour of the U.S. and U.S. military bases, in search of political support and armaments." Apparently the meeting ended when Riconosciuto explained that his faction of intelligence world connections did not think Bin Laden represented the true *mujahadeen*. The story ends with another plea to release Riconosciuto from his current prison residence in Springfield, Missouri: "If the war against Osama Bin Laden (Tim Osman) is not a total fraud, then what is Michael Riconosciuto doing in prison? Why doesn't he have an office next to Colin Powell so he can give realistic advice on Bin Laden's thinking?" (6)

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Another writer/editor team, Tom Flocco and Michael Ruppert, made the case for the use of PROMIS in the insider trading deals that preceded the nine-eleven tragedies. They received a non-denial from CIA spokesperson Tom Crispell that "the CIA had been using PROMIS beyond American borders to scrutinize world financial markets for national security purposes", and one from the FBI claiming that "the FBI has discontinued use of the PROMIS software." Flocco notes that the latter denial "followed almost 17 years of denial by the FBI and the Department of Justice - in court and under oath - that they used the software at all." Nevertheless, Ruppert and Flocco maintain that stock screening and short selling that came in the days before the plane crashes (7) were accomplished with PROMIS, as was the financial tracking of Bin Laden's assets that happened in the aftermath. (8)

Research tributaries leading to PROMIS keep alive Casolaro's sense of history and parapolitics, and his foreboding about the developing world of perpetual surveillance and war. Despite the push to transform the tragedies of nine-eleven into simple-minded, war hungry patriotism -- and whether or not PROMIS is ever proven to be a part of the manipulations -- many Americans more readily accept the notion that Osama Bin Laden came to power under Octopus-like funding. Plans to strengthen US military power in Afghanistan, where US "retaliation" for nine-eleven was felt first, began as early as 1990, when oil was struck in the eastern portion of the Caspian Sea, in Kazakhstan. The democracy-warping results of the last American presidential election returned to power the same crew of secret "government" cronies that Casolaro had tracked through Iran-Contra and on back to drug traffic in the Golden Triangle of southeast Asia. The "anti-terror" war is about building a pipeline to the Caspian, exploiting

the opium crop in Afghanistan and expanding the weapons trade. (9)



A final, eerie footnote belongs to Casolaro's compatriots, Jim Keith and Ron Bonds, and the ancillary biowarfare scare that accompanied the terror war (10). In his last book, *Biowarfare In America*, Keith quotes Larry Wayne Harris, a man who had been arrested by the FBI in February 1998 for possession of the anthrax bacterium, as claiming that an attempt was made against his life by a needle wielding a cobra venom that induces massive blood clots to the lungs. And in November 2001, a half-dozen cases of suspicious circumstances around knee surgery were reported across the country. The first of these was a 23 year old student in Minnesota named Brian Lykins, who died from an infection of *closteridium sordelli*, a close relative of the bacterium that killed Ron Bonds. The other cases also involved variants of the *closteridium* bacteria. (11)

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1. Internet posting, 12/15/01

2. Mailloux, Jacqueline, "Octopus Cards Back In Business," June 17, 1998. About four million Octopus cards had been issued for Hong Kong's Mass Transit Railway Corporation by the transport consortium Creative Star. The supply was exhausted and the consortium at the time planned to order three million more. It planned another increase of seven million for the following year. The growth pattern was kept small deliberately due to the fact that "the Octopus card uses proprietary technology."

Chow, Tinnie, *CNN EbizAsia* Correspondent, "Smart Cards Offer Shorter Queues and More Risks," February 16, 2001. Chow quotes Mac McGolpin, the CEO of AsiaWebCo that the new card uses biometrics to encode "some part of your physical presence or being on the card", and notes "new ways of using Octopus cards are being initiated..."

3. "McGuffin", *Dispatch* 265, received from *Lobster* publisher Robin Ramsay, September 21, 2001.

4. Seper, Jerry, "Software likely in the hands of terrorist; FBI's Hanssen seen as provider," *The Washington Times*, June 14, 2001, p. A1.

5. John Judge expressed a cautionary note about all of this: "Well, it seems bin Laden has lots of talents and lots of time on his hands. What the hell would it take to monitor all that information from all those agencies? On the other hand, if bin Laden is their creature, perhaps one agency lets him know what another is doing against him. Sounds more like an elaborate cover to explain why we have not caught him or will not. Hanssen is a double agent case I think planted to feed

disinformation into the Soviet hands. His links to Opus Dei and COINTELPRO make me think he was really a very clever plant. So, I'd be cautious with these conclusions. Perhaps he did install something that would allow US intelligence to track Bin Laden, etc. That would make sense." Correspondence with author, September 21, 2001.

6. Grabbe, J. Orlin, "When Osama Bin Laden Was Tim Osman," *Laissez Faire City Times*, Vol. 5, No. 46, November 12, 2001. Grabbe's web site is at orlingrabbe.com. He gives Michael Riconosciuto's current address as 21309-086 Box 4000, U. S. Medical Center, Springfield, MO 65801-4000. Another web site with information on Riconosciuto's possible connections to current world events appears on the web at mindgallery.com/hiddenroom/wizard/index.html.

7. A short-selling spree also preceded the Kennedy assassination, as documented in the book *Mind Control, Oswald and JFK* (Adventures Unlimited Press, edited by Kenn Thomas).

8. Flocco and Ruppert's three part story linking this information to a banking entity called Deutschebank/A.B. Brown as well as CIA executive A. B. "Buzzy" Krongard, can be found at Ruppert's "From The Wilderness" web site, www.copvicia.com.

9. Even as the war moved into the Philippines, echoes were heard of Casolaro's cross-connections between the domestic and the foreign in the global strategy of tension. Adam Parfrey gave the most detailed and succinct report:

"The ACLU worked tirelessly on behalf of Abraham Ahmed, who the legal organization claimed was a victim of racist profiling. On the same day as bombing, Ahmed attempted to fly from Oklahoma City

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to Amman, Jordan, but was stopped at Heathrow Airport after American Airlines flight security notified the FBI of the Middle Easterner's suspicious behavior. Ahmed was cuffed and returned to the U.S. after his luggage was found to contain such things as two car radios (the sort used to bomb Pan Am 103), silicon, solder, shielded and unshielded wire, a timing device, a photo album with pictures of weapons and missile, and a blue jogging suit similar to that seen worn by an Arab suspect in front of the Murrah building on the morning of the blast. Perhaps prompted by ACLU's media tirade, the FBI promptly released suspect Abraham Ahmed, and President Clinton apologized to the Arab-American community.

Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols had continual contacts with known terrorist entities up to the day of the Murrah Building blast. Nichols was married to a Filipina woman, and took trips to Cebu City, Philippines (*without* his wife) in late '92 and early '93 to meet with such friendly folk from the Abu Sayyaf terrorist org as Ramzi Yousef, Abdul Hakim Murad, Wali Khan Amin Shah and several others to discuss the bombing of the OKC building.

Murad was arrested in 1995 for the initial World Trade Center bombing, and after viewing the Oklahoma City Bombing on a New York jail television set, he remarked to a guard that the "Liberation Army of the Philippines" — a group connected to Abu Sayyef, was responsible for the blast. Later, Abu Sayyaf leader Edwin Angeles corrected Murad for the record: "It was the Palestine Liberation Army and the Islamic Jihad which Murad was referring to. This army is associated with Hamas and is based in Lebanon."

After the Oklahoma City Bombing, Saudi intelligence told the FBI that Iraq had hired Pakistanis to do the Murrah Building job. Edwin Angeles is a Pakistani."

Parfrey, Adam, "The Oklahoma City Bombing Jihad," *Konformist newswire*, October 10, 2001.

www.konformist.com/911/ok-jihad.htm

10. By the end of 2001, mysterious deaths among microbiologists specializing in infectious disease began to accumulate. They included: Dr. Benito Que (11/12/01, attacked by four men, at least one wielding a baseball bat in Miami); Don C. Wiley (11/16/01, found dead after jumping, falling or being pushed from a bridge in Memphis, Tennessee); Vladimir Pasechnik (11/23/01); Robert M. Schwartz (12/10/02, stabbed); Set Van Nguyen, suffocated in a laboratory airlock.

11. Lykins' bacterial infection was traced to cartilage taken from a cadaver and supplied by Cryolife, a tissue bank in Bond's home state of Georgia. Marcus, Adam, "Knee Surgery Suspended in Minnesota After 3 Die," *Yahoo News*, November 20, 2001. Majeski, Tom, "Knee Surgery Probe Turns To Cadavers," *Pioneer Press*, December 7, 2001.



Jim Keith (in east LA, prob. 1967)

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Mind Games :

What the President Knows

by Jan Welsemann

**Did George Bush Sr. abuse black ops
counterintelligence mind control
technology to cover up an
embarrassing intelligence
failure at the end of the
Gulf War ?**

The President of the United States has lied (here we go again!) Not Bill Clinton -- George Bush's father, the previous George Bush. To this day he continues to perpetrate a cover-up every time he is asked about the end of the Gulf War and just why the rest of the world has to face yet another confrontation with America's favorite enemy, Saddam Hussein.

Let's briefly look at the facts: In November 1991 Bush Sr. signed a Lethal Finding, an official notice by which the President informed Congress that national security requires the overthrow of Saddam Hussein even if it involves innocent fatalities (1). So what else is new? In February 1992, then CIA director Robert Gates traveled to the Middle East and the media reported that President Bush had ordered him to discuss plans for an upcoming coup against Saddam Hussein. (2) Egypt made a point of not getting involved in the operation. (3) What operation?

It certainly never happened. Instead Saddam Hussein remained in power and Bush Sr. lost the election due to the economy. Ok, so the economy was a factor. But imagine how George Bush's 1992 re-election campaign had gone if he had actually overthrown Saddam Hussein as he clearly intended. Would he still have lost the election? Instead Bush, at the end of his term,

put up a vigorous fight to destroy 4,852 tapes and 135 hard disc drives containing crucial e-mails and NSC records. (4) The American Historical Association sued but the Clinton administration won a court order that upheld a previous judgment giving Bush Sr. the right to destroy his records with impunity. (5) What is the terrible secret George and Bill Clinton fought so hard for to cover up?

On the February 28, 1996 CNN Special, *A Conversation With George Bush*, Vice president Dick Cheney suggested one of the reasons Saddam Hussein wasn't taken out at the end of the Gulf War: the U.S. Government didn't know what to do with him since he isn't a convicted drug trafficker like Noriega. (6) Do we really believe the reason Saddam Hussein wasn't taken out is because the U.S. Government didn't know what to do with him, because he isn't a convicted drug dealer like Noriega, as Dick Cheney suggested? Or is Mr. Cheney desperately trying to keep the lid on an embarrassing national security foul-up concerning the end of the Gulf War. If so, what's really being covered up here?

In 1991 I was living in Los Angeles and had the naive idea to approach the Central Intelligence Agency for a green card. Since I'd never been in the spy business I kept my eyes and ears open for an idea to pitch to the CIA. Sometime around February, March or April 1991, I noticed a brief item in the A-section of the *Los Angeles Times* about an East-German reporter who had pretended to be a foreign government and under this pretense had conducted interviews with former East-German STASI to see whether they'd be willing to assassinate someone in exchange for one million U.S. dollars. About 80%-90% of those interviewed said they'd be willing to do so for that amount of money.

I talked a friend of mine into calling the CIA. On my behalf, she pitched the CIA the idea to interview the STASI by pretending

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to write a book about them. The info thus gathered could be fed to the CIA in exchange for a green card. The CIA declined and I figured they might already be doing something similar. Soon I was on the phone, telling all of my friends that the Central Intelligence Agency may possibly have recruited the East-German STASI.

A few days later I woke up and suddenly started to hallucinate. My pulse was racing as if someone had secretly drugged me with met amphetamine. There was no letup and after a couple more weeks I panicked and contacted the CIA in writing. I also explained that the idea to pretend to write a book about the STASI had been inspired by the newspaper article in the *Los Angeles Times*. Suddenly all hell broke loose. Every time I left my apartment a covert army of FBI agents followed my every move. Many of them were fuming with anger.

One day I noticed someone had entered my apartment and secretly built something into the walls next to where my head was resting at night. Unfortunately, I was no longer capable of examining the device as I had slipped into the advanced stages of a psychosis, hallucinating my head off. On my 28th birthday I woke up and obeyed the "voices" seemingly coming out the walls of my apartment to do something utterly ridiculous in public. I was picked up by the police and diagnosed as having suffered a schizophrenic episode culminating in a mental breakdown.

After I moved out of my West Los Angeles apartment at 1249 South Brockton Avenue, my landlady, Marie Wagner, sent me several letters complaining about the huge holes in the walls she had to repair. I certainly had not done that. I returned to Germany and promptly received a letter from the U.S. Consulate informing me I had won a green card in the visa lottery, which I had also entered. I called the U.S. Consulate in Frankfurt. The individual answering the

phone typed my name into his computer and shouted "Holy Shit! Holy Shit! We're trying to get you an immigration visa number, even though immigration law prohibits people who have suffered a mental breakdown from immigrating to the United States.

I deliberately missed the interview because I didn't trust the U.S. government under these circumstances. Instead, I investigated and discovered a little known East-German radio station, DT-64, had conducted interviews with hundreds of STASI to see if they'd be willing to enter Iraq and conduct sabotage in a way that would kill women, children and old people. Back in Culver City, a suburb of Los Angeles, two unidentified men tried to run a friend off the sidewalk with their car simply because he was visiting different libraries trying to locate the *LA-Times* article I had told him about. And while the German news media reported German businessmen are prohibited from entering Iraq due to the International Embargo I clearly remembered that a few days after the Gulf War had ended Peter Jennings blatantly reported on ABC News that the first people to enter Iraq after the Gulf War were German businessmen seeking contracts to rebuild Iraq. This item and the article in the *LA-Times* have since vanished from the face of this planet. The front-page headline, "ISRAEL VOWS (or RESERVES THE RIGHT) TO RETALIATE", which in the days following Saddam Hussein's bombing of Israel during the Gulf War went around the world, also has been removed from the microfilm record of the *Los Angeles Times* and other American newspapers. You will only have to check the front pages from January 18-24, 1991.

This is the operation I stumbled into. The first casualty of war is often the truth. I contacted the German magazine *Der Spiegel*. Hans Hoyng, a senior reporter had to go to Washington D.C. on an unrelated matter and agreed to use his connections at the Justice

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department to try and obtain a copy of my file. After Mr. Hoyng returned from Washington, he informed me his connections at the Department of Justice had told him that an incident with regards to myself had occurred, my name had been mentioned at the Dept of Justice in Washington and that there is a file on me somewhere he wasn't able to get. Funny thing is, I have never been to Washington D.C. in my entire life. A friend of mine who is a lawyer filed several FOIA requests with the FBI, the CIA and the INS. The FBI and the CIA both vehemently deny that they have a file on me, while the INS claimed they have a file they unfortunately can't locate.

Strangely, my lawyer had also suddenly suffered a mental breakdown that was diagnosed as "racing thought syndrome". Subsequently he found himself unable to practice law, which basically meant the end of my FOIA requests. On July 17, 1992, I defected from the CIA and prevented the STASI coup against Saddam Hussein by informing U.S. Congress to help Bill Clinton win the presidency. George Bush's re-election campaign suddenly collapsed. On August 10, 1992 *Time* magazine featured the headline, "What's Wrong With George Bush?" (7) and on August 13, 1992, James Baker returned from the Middle East to head Bush's failing re-election campaign.

Upset about the severity of the civil rights violation, I contacted the German police who had no interest in the matter. They also diligently explained to me that the German police law prohibits the police from recruiting private citizens as agents. Due to circumstances too complicated to explain here in greater detail I informed the French Consulate of the affair. Suddenly George Bush announced that "something unexpected has come up" and he would have to meet with French President Francois Mitterrand right away. The meeting took place on January 4, 1993. Two days later a troop of French

officials briefly put me under surveillance in Germany and the German police violated its own law and recruited me as an agent for five days.



In March 1993 the CIA announced it had anonymously received a two year old document which showed that the head of the French DGSE, Claude Silberzahn, was attempting to spy on American companies. As a result, Mr. Silberzahn had to resign. The sketch of him subsequently featured in French newspapers closely resembles the leader of the French troop who checked me out the day the German police violated their own law and ran me as an agent. Over the years I twice informed over 120 different foreign embassies of this matter and briefly met with the Consul of Libya at the Libyan Embassy. In May and June 1996 I exchanged info with the Libyan and Pakistani embassy on this matter and once more reminded other

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middle eastern embassies of the STASI plot to massacre innocent Moslem civilians in Iraq which I prevented on July 17, 1992. Back then, the Pakistani and the Afghanistan embassies I contacted were still closely allied with al-Qaeda. On July 17, 1996 TWA Flight 800 blew up. The FBI never even acknowledged the possibility that the crash might have been the deliberate act of revenge for the covert STASI plot. So far, the precise cause of the crash has not been discovered.

Although the civil rights violation I endured was quite severe, I was immediately fascinated with the covert technology. Thanks to a major national security foul up by the President of the United States, I had gotten a truly unique, inside look at the CIA's classified counterintelligence and mind control technology. Fascinated, I set out to back-engineer the counterintelligence devices the U.S. government had secretly built into the walls of my apartment. I contacted the Russian embassy and soon received the help of two former KGB scientists. I believe the technology is the secret behind some of the assassinations we've had in the past, whereby a hallucinating schizophrenic assassin eliminates a politically inconvenient target. Into this category fall Sirhan Sirhan, who has been in jail for a crime the autopsy of Robert F. Kennedy proves he didn't commit; Mark Chapman, Jack Ruby and possibly John Hinckley. I believe these individuals are unwitting victims of a covertly induced model psychosis and a series of secret psychological and subliminal manipulations designed to trick these subjects into psyching themselves up for the assassination. The covertly induced model psychosis ultimately pushes them over the edge so they no longer have the choice but to shoot their target. I have written a manuscript on this matter tentatively titled *Mind Games* and currently am looking for a publisher. Unfortunately *Steamshovel Press* didn't have the space to print the excerpt I prepared which explains the evidence in, for

example, the John Lennon assassination. My apologies to all the visitors of the Oliver Stone Internet Board whom I promised otherwise.

As a favor to the research community I will make the original article available to anyone who agrees to put it on the web. Contact *Steamshovel Press*.

If any of the above has made you wonder why this story, if true, never made it into the mainstream press, consider: If George Bush Sr. had actually overthrown Saddam Hussein before the 1992 election, would he still have lost on the issue of the economy? So what really happened to the coup CIA director Bob Gates was discussing with the Arab Allies in February 1992? What influence did the miscalculated anticipation of the success thereof have on Bush Sr.'s decision to stop the war against Saddam Hussein prematurely, leaving his archenemy in power?

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(2) *Ibid.* See also: Andrew, Christopher, *For the President's Eyes Only. Secret Intelligence and the American Presidency From Washington to Bush*. Published by HarperPerennial, A Division of HarperCollins Publishers, Inc, 10 East 53rd Street, New York, N.Y., 10022 USA. Copyright 1995 by Christopher Andrew. Chapter 13, "George Bush (1989-1993)", page 536.

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TNN Conspiracy Zone—Discussion 653098
Topic: the death of Marilyn Monroe. Panelists include comic Lisa Ann Walter, conspiracy writers Jonathan Vankin and Kenn Thomas.

Caries, Cabals and Correspondence

I stand corrected on one point, about Bin Laden's prior mention of Palestine as an issue for his terror campaign, and with some subsequent digging, discovered he also "mentions" unspecified offenses (real or imagined) against Palestine, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Iraq, and the "entire Muslim world", in an even earlier interview with Peter Arnett of CNN, though much of his complaint is directed against the presence of infidels (Americans) in the "Two Holy Places" (Saudi Arabia).

www.anusha.com/osamaint.htm

However, he is not articulating a "pro-Palestinian" position as much as a blatantly "anti-Jewish" position. For similar stuff, which occasionally "mentions" Palestine as a "problem", but which has its main thrust in demonizing Jews and Christians alike, and going back years before 9-11, see various posts here, taken from Arab news sources:

www.likud.nl/extr.html

Bin Laden is not vindicated by this interview as some kind of "freedom fighter", nor as innocent of making bombing attacks against the US. Exactly the opposite, in fact. He celebrates virtually every nasty sneak attack and suicide bombing which has killed infidels, even if he doesn't take responsibility directly. There's no discussion about specific problems between Israel and Palestinians in his missive, nothing about achieving any peace agreement, or "return of exiles" or whatever. To him, Jews are scum, and America is dirt for helping the Israelis to survive over the years, when the Soviets had armed the Arabs to the teeth, and encouraged

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them to make war. (It didn't take much encouragement, as they were attacking Jewish

Settlements in Palestine since the Ottoman days, and for the same reasons of Jew-hatred.)

I've a longer essay on this subject which you'll eventually get to see, but I'll point out one interesting calculation contained in it: Arabs and Muslims have slaughtered and butchered at least *ten times* as many of their fellow Arabs and Muslims, than have been killed in all the Arab-Israeli wars since the founding of Israel in 1948, even including the Gulf War of the Western Coalition against Iraq into the calculations. And at least half of those Arabs and Muslims killed, were women and children and old people, civilians, often being butchered by having their throats cut (as with the Algerian fundamentalists). This kind of stuff never gets mentioned, and without mentioning it, Bin Laden and his ilk come off smelling much prettier than they should. The Arab Muslim countries, with few exceptions, are fascist dictatorships, led by arrogant "kings" or military thugs or religious nuts, who have no interest whatsoever in human freedom or the betterment of their peoples. They are chronically making war on each other, and on their own peoples and minority groups, and so it is not surprising that they should occasionally collide with the Western democracies. Anybody who claims those nations are freer or better places to live is either telling big lies, or is like our own Jonnie Walker, infatuated with sex-negative Islam. (So far nobody has asked that kid "how many women did you execute-beat-rape-etc. while with the Talibans?" I rather imagine he was one of their "boys" actually -- but nobody dares to ask that, either.)

You might find interesting counterpoints to the sympathetic views of Bin Laden, et al, in the items listed below.

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* Sultana's (pseudonym) "Princess: A True Story of Life Behind the Veil in Saudi Arabia", and "Princess Sultana's Daughters" - she is wife of a high-up Saudi Prince.

* Jan Goodwin's "Price of Honor"

* Kanan Makiya's books on Iraq's internal butchery.

Quotes from the 1998 Bin Laden interview:

"We do not differentiate between those dressed in military uniforms and civilians; they are all targets in this *fatwa*. Especially since American officials were released after the Khobar bombing, asking all American civilians to contact the security department in the embassy with information on Muslims and activists. The *fatwa* includes all that share or take part in killing of Muslims, assaulting holy places, or those who help the Jews occupy Muslim land.

We are sure of Allah's victory and our victory against the Americans and the Jews as promised by the prophet peace be up on him: "Judgment day shall not come until the Muslims fight the Jews, whereas the Jews will hide behind trees and stones, and the tree and the stone will speak and say 'Muslim, behind me a Jew come and kill him', except for the *al-Ghargad* tree, which is a Jewish plant."

(This particular paragraph is from the Koran, and is also repeated in Muslim schoolbooks, including those used in Palestinian areas. Israel has been protesting this kind of thing for years, but nobody has cared to listen.)

"We find that Jews have the first word in the American government, which is how they use America to carry out their plans in the world and especially the Muslim world. The presence of Americans in the Holy Land supports the Jews and gives them a safe back." ...and... "The ruling to kill the

Americans and their allies - civilians and military - is an individual duty for every Muslim who can do it in any country in which it is possible to do it, in order to liberate the al-Aksa Mosque and the holy mosque [Mecca] from their grip, and in order for their armies to move out of all the lands of Islam, defeated and unable to threaten any Muslim."

- The *fatwa* (religious edict) issued by Osama bin Laden in 1998

Information on Palestinian and Arab extremism:

www.likud.nl/extr.html

Arab attitudes towards Israel:

While the west talks for peace, this is what the Arab-Muslims are saying to each other, behind the curtain:

pirg.uwaterloo.ca/pipermail/discuss/2001-November/000098.html

Raping, abducting of girls and women by Talibans:

www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn?pagename=article&node=&contentId=A62604-2001Dec18

Mutilation, beheadings and extra judicial executions of reformers, women in Iraq:

www.web.amnesty.org/web/ar2001.nsf/webmepcountries/IRAQ?OpenDocument

"Rape in the Service of the State: Power and Patriarchy in Iraq", by Kanan Makiya, *The Nation*, 1993.

and this item by Makiya:

www.npq.org/issues/v102/p56.html

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An interesting item on the same theme:

www.readjacobs.com/quickreads/october_quickreads.htm

Good news: Saudis say we can keep our democracy. Why did New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani reject \$10 million and a "root causes" lecture, from a visiting Saudi prince? Here's the answer, as translated by the Middle East Media and Research Institute: Mahmoud bin Abd Al-Ghani Sabbagh, columnist for the Saudi paper Al-Riyadh, wrote . . . "Because the governor [sic] of the Big Apple is a Jew, he refused [to accept the donation] and caused a storm." "Giuliani said: 'The Prince's declarations are grievous and irresponsible; these Arabs have lost the right to dictate [to us what to do]. What we (America) must do is kill 6,000 innocent people.'" By Allah, I am amazed at your act, you Jew; everything Prince Al-Walid said was true. If democracy means a governor who is a homosexual in a city in which dance clubs, prostitution, homosexuality, and stripping proliferate - the U.S. can keep its democracy."

(BTW, the quotes above attributed to Giuliani are fabricated.)

Best wishes,
Jim DeMeo
Ashland, OR

First, let Jim DeMeo know I have great respect for him and his work, if he wasn't aware of this fact already. As I've been the managing editor of Drsusanblock.com for the past year, I have

at numerous times cited his work (most notably *Saharasia*) to Susan.

Now, as for the thuggish brutality of Middle Eastern countries, that is with few notable exceptions (like good ol' Mo K) completely true. But I think you can cite many examples, most notably the US-backed overthrow of the democratically elected Mohhamad Mossadegh in Iran in 1953 (the Salvador Allende of the Middle East), to realize that the vicious and undemocratic nature of Middle Eastern leaders was and is sanctioned, supported and promoted by the Western world. So I don't think anyone of intellectual honesty (which I would certainly include DeMeo) could buy the Pontius Pilate act of the US and West to feign they have nothing to do with this situation. If Middle Eastern leaders are butchers, it's because we want butchers. And if you kick a dog in the face constantly, you have no reason to whine if it bites back. If the populist leaders of Osama are ruthless, it's because anyone like Mossadegh who isn't gets whacked.

As for Osama, the quotation "We do not differentiate between those dressed in military uniforms and civilians; they are all targets in this *fatwa*" is part of a larger paragraph, which says quite a bit. Here is the paragraph with the full quote:



OSAMA BIN LADEN, AGE 14

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"Through history, America has not been known to differentiate between the military and the civilians or between men and women or adults and children. Those who threw atomic bombs and used the weapons of mass destruction against Nagasaki and Hiroshima were the Americans. Can the bombs differentiate between military and women and infants and children?" In the same interview, he adds this:

"Our mothers and daughters and sons are slaughtered every day with the approval of America and its support. And, while America blocks the entry of weapons into Islamic countries, it provides the Israelis with a continuous supply of arms allowing them thus to kill and massacre more Muslims. Your religion does not forbid you from committing such acts, so you have no right to object to any retaliation that reciprocates your own actions."

So what does that all mean? Maybe Osama is a tad schizo. But it does show he does have a legitimate beef. His alliance with

the Taliban is not a particularly praiseworthy one, but he is quite pragmatic in alliances (hence his dealings with the CIA.) I certainly don't share his cruel glee at the tragic misfortune on 9/11, but then there are those who are friends and neighbors of mine which cheer and apologize for Hiroshima, the Gulf War and our ruthless bombings of Afghanistan, so can we be too surprised?

I don't care if someone hates me so long as they hate me for what I am and not what they imagine me to be. I hold that same standard with others. Will the real Osama stand up? If I had the opportunity to interview him, I'd ask him some really tough questions, but I suspect the Western world would be more disturbed by someone letting him state his own opinions on no uncertain terms than he would. Until that time, let me say that if Osama is a monster, we are his Frankenstein. It didn't have to turn out this way, but it sadly has.

Robert Sterling
Los Angeles, CA

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The Conspiracy Theory of Evolution

by Kenn Thomas

Science does not even know the basics of evolution and biology. Or, at least, it only has clues. As with so many things, Cold War politics and conspiracy history have inhibited that understanding in major ways. The very mechanism of evolution, Darwin's natural selection model of random mutation or Lamarck's idea of the inheritance of acquired characteristics, remains a debate to all but the most dogmatic of scientific "skeptics." Do species mutate randomly and mutations survive due to the survival of the fittest, or can generations "learn" (i.e. encode in their genetic structure) outer world lessons from previous generations?

Until the recent work of neo-Lamarckians, western culture stood firmly with the former proposition. Now that science has marched on, the debate is becoming understood as more political and social than scientific. That is, what we know about evolution is wrong because the most significant early Lamarckian research fell under the shadow of conspiracy. The global scientific culture thereafter split into western and Soviet camps -- reflecting that great, grander, half-century, conspiracy to squander world resources and knowledge on Cold War competition.

The debate's sociological component has long been one of its most compelling aspects. Nazis, for instance, could apply the acquired characteristics theory to their ambition of genetically engineering a master race. Today, with America at war with terror networks of decidedly pre-scientific interpretations of Islam, some argue that the very modernity of US culture, its social expression of progressive improvement, is what's under assault. (1) Perhaps this

contributes to the current acceptance of the neo-Lamarckians.

Arthur Koestler's *The Case of The Midwife Toad* documents how and why the world went astray from a full understanding of evolution. It documents the story of Paul Kammerer, who at one time taught biology to a young Wilhelm Reich and also later became the first person to identify the phenomenon of synchronicity (2). Kammerer attempted to prove the Lamarckian idea, that traits derived from the environment by one generation could pass on to the next generation. The best--but not only--lab animal to demonstrate this process for Kammerer was the Midwife toad, which lacked the gripping characteristics used by normal male toads to hold on to females for weeks-long sex. The normal toads needed the grippers to hold their mates still over that time in their watery environs. The Midwife toad, however, mated on dry land and so did not require the equipment. Kammerer put generations of the midwife toads in water, and surely enough, they developed the secondary sexual characteristics.



ARTHUR KOESTLER

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Koestler reports the full details about how Kammerer made his good faith effort to present his findings to the scientific community and how they were met with jealousy and false criticism, primarily by the Cambridge geneticist William Bateson, that led to his suicide. "If Kammerer's experiments were regarded as unrepeatable," notes Koestler, "the blame lies on those who tried to repeat them with inadequate methods." (3)

Nevertheless, Kammerer became a great hero of science in the old Soviet Union. Its chief scientific bureaucrat, T. D. Lysenko, took a vulgarized version of the idea of inheritance of acquired characteristics and imposed it on Soviet agricultural practices, just as Stalin had vulgarized Marxist tenets for the sake of his murderous reign. The irony no doubt was not lost on Arthur Koestler, who had joined the Communist Party in 1931, had actually landed in a Spanish jail for exposing the German and Italian fascist support of Franco (4), but later quit in disgust and became a committed anti-Communist. (5) Lysenko took the Lamarckian view and turned into an agricultural technique called "vernalization", simultaneously declaring great successes in seed germination that flew in the face of the facts and while destroying the Soviets' credibility with geneticists throughout the world. Soviet agricultural successes today are now as renown as the success of its political system.

Here is an example from Soviet literature of the time of the convoluted connection between real (and already lost) science and political rhetoric, a footnote following the statement that "Lysenko [is] not only in harmony with the teachings of Darwin, but represent a further development of a whole series of Darwinian doctrines as well as an extension of the method of dialectical materialism in biological science"

"This kind of statement has sometimes been interpreted as an attempt to

decide the matter, not on grounds of factual truth, but by appeal to some sort of authority which runs counter to factual truth. However, it should be noted, in all fairness that [the author] shows no disposition to proceed in such a fashion either in this or any of his other writings. Taken in the context of his work as a whole and of Soviet philosophy generally, such a statement as that Lysenko's 'theses' represent 'an extension of the method of dialectical materialism in biological science' may be taken to mean that it is such theses as those which the dialectical (or evolutionary--these terms are, in basic respects, synonymous) method tends to suggest as being likely ones to work upon, to investigate, to attempt to validate by observation and experiment. There is no evidence to show that it could be taken to mean that such theses should be pronounced true apart from facts or in spite of facts. Although various schools of philosophy maintain an a priori or transcendental conception of truth and of methodology which invokes criteria held to be superior to facts, empirical considerations and sense data, it should be noted that dialectical materialism is not one of these. In its teachings it explicitly rejects *a priorism*, holds empirical factors and scientific methodology to constitute the ultimate criteria. This does not mean, of course, that it could not violate its own criteria. However, there would be no foundation for the impression that its very criteria encourage or obligate it to go beyond the facts, beyond empirical verification."

Anyway, readers should forgive the extended quote. It gives the flavor of the convoluted rhetoric--nostalgically charming, in fact, now that the Soviet Union is no more--that helped put the world off to the inheritance of acquired characteristics. (6) Of course, a more fundamental resistance to the idea in the west came more in the form of a scientific reality known as the Weissman barrier. Named after a German professor of

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comparative anatomy and zoology, August Weismann, the idea here is that cells that become eggs and sperm separate from cells that form the rest of the body, and never the twain shall meet. Weismann chopped off rat tails for several generations and demonstrated that he never produced a rat born without a tail.

The Soviets had a counter to this "The isolation of the germ plasma has become widely accepted by geneticists, however, because various attempts to induce changes in heredity as a result of experimentally created body changes are regarded as having failed or as having led to 'indecisive' results. From these 'failures' a principle of impossibility has been established by the followers of Weismann. This error is precisely like the one that was made when a principle of the indivisibility of the atom was erected on the basis of the failures of physics to achieve such division. This point was clearly recognized by Professor E. G. Conklin of Princeton University who pointed out in his book, *Heredity and Environment*, that 'The classic argument of the Weismannians was that *we can conceive of no mechanism* by means of which somatic changes can be carried back into germ cells, and *therefore there is no such mechanism*. Now the fallacy of this argument is obvious, for even if we could conceive of no mechanism for this purpose, this does not preclude the existence of such a mechanism.'" (7)

Apologies again for an extended quote, but it does show that serious debate did occur in Soviet journals on this topic, with at least some acknowledgement of scientific hubris. One wonders how deep runs the solipsistic problem identified by this Soviet writer.

Today, the question posed by the Weissman barrier is addressed primarily in terms of how August Weissman's experiments sidestepped a fundamental Lamarckian principle. Weissman's tail

chopping had nothing to do with a genetic response adaptive to the rat's environment.

So now, in a clearer light of science advanced by many decades, neo-Lamarckian principles are shedding light on the notion of random mutation that underlies current concepts of evolution. They also have particular application to structures within the body's immune system. In the work of Karry Mullins, in fact, the 1993 Nobel Prize for Chemistry-winning DNA researcher who testified at the O. J. Simpson trial, arises from this area of research. The importance and the predominance of the natural selection view hasn't been replaced, of course. As the authors of one book on the subject put it, in a very Lamarckian way: "Really useful dogmas allow us to economize our time and effort on not constantly reinventing the wheel." (8) But the total rejection of LaMarck, like its total embrace by the Soviets, has become just another of those everythings known that now must be regarded as wrong.

NOTES:

1. Although many find specious the argument that Middle Eastern terrorists involved with the World Trade Towers and Pentagon attacks of September 11, 2001 acted out of jealousy over the liberty and materialism of the west. The terrorists, after all, had their list of specific complaints about US foreign policy, including the *defacto* military occupation of Saudi Arabia and US support of Israel in its struggle against the Palestinians.

2. Koestler tells that story in the appendix to *The Case of the Midwife Toad* (Random House, 1971).

3. Science writers still review with interest this moment in the history of science. An author named Mark Gillman, in fact, wrote about it in the aptly named *Envy As A*

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Retarding Force in Science, (Avebury, Aldershot, UK, 1996).

4. Still dead, btw.

5. Best expressed in his essay for *The God That Failed: Six Studies in Communism*, edited by Richard Crossman, London, 1950.

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8. Davies, Paul, ed. *Lamarck's Signature: How Retrogenes Are Changing Darwin's Natural Selection Paradigm*, Reading, Massachusetts Perseus Books, 1998. The authors warn, however, that "although we do not consider ourselves word-smiths or semanticists or even evolutionary game-players (when compared with the current genre of science book writers) we are nevertheless very interested in transmitting scientific reality as we perceive it in plain English. We have written the book for readers with no specialist knowledge. Yet we cannot deny that some sections are conceptually and intellectually challenging."



DAVID FERRIE (FAR LEFT) AND
LEE HARVEY OSWALD (FAR RIGHT)

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Castle Mirage

By T. Casey Brennan

On the morning of November 22, 1963, I am awakened by Daddy unexpectedly in the pre-dawn hours. He says we are going to see Dr. E, then we are going on a trip. I think he means vacation, so I say fine.

We reach the tiny Yale airport, deserted in the pre-dawn hours, in no time. Daddy and I proceed to David Ferrie's plane, where Dr. E is waiting. Dr. E produces a hypodermic needle. His face is grim and he is wearing a parka in the pre-dawn cold.

Now I am scared, and try to get away. I yell "I don't want a shot!" and try to run. I know now that I am about to be kidnapped. I am fifteen years old now, but a pale, sickly fifteen, and I am in no shape to fight these men for my freedom. I struggle, but Dr. E injects me anyway, and I fall. The last thing I see before falling is the parka-clad face of Dr. E.

When I awaken, in the storage room of the sixth floor of the Texas Book Depository building in Dallas, it is broad daylight. They have obviously brought me in crated up, or rolled up, in something. Anyway, I get dumped out, and David Ferrie kicks me in the ribs, and turns to my Dad.

"There's the assassin," David Ferrie says.

Daddy and David Ferrie make me stand against some cartons of books, and not look around. I am groggy. Sometimes when I would go up north to the Upper Peninsula with Mama and Daddy, they liked to explore abandoned buildings, places where I didn't always feel they had a right to be. I can't remember the injection now, and I am trying to place just what is going on, whether it is one of these unauthorized romps Daddy liked to take through old buildings.

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"Are we supposed to be here?" I asked, groggily.

David Ferrie laughs.

"Don't worry about *that*," he says, "If anybody bothers you for being here, you send them right to me!"

Daddy and David Ferrie are laughing now, and I'm beginning to think everything is all right. At some point, someone has told me that I am in Dallas, where Lee is now, and I ask to see him before we leave.

"Did you want to talk to him about comic books or something?" David Ferrie asks.

I say yes, that I wanted to tell him about the new Justice League comic just out, and that Lee liked the Justice League, talked about how great it was that DC comics had brought back their old comic book series, the Justice society, from the 1940s.



JUSTICE LEAGUE, November 1963
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"Well, he's downstairs pushing a broom. He's down on the second floor pushing a broom."

At some point, the lights went out. I don't know if I was injected or dosed somehow again, or whether post-hypnotic suggestion alone did the trick. Anyway, a hood was placed over my head, and then part of it pulled away and the gun sight pressed against my left eye.

Daddy gives the hypnotic command: "WHEN I YELL *NOW*, PULL THE TRIGGER."

Remembering this over three decades later, I can hear David Ferrie saying "I don't want him to see the gun!!" as he pulls the hood over my face.

David Ferrie says to Daddy: "Can he keep that right eye closed? If he can't, I'll kill him."

Now that funny screen of Dr. E's, at first it said "SHOOT THE SQUIRREL WITH JOHN F. KENNEDY'S HEAD". But just at the last, when they made me watch it, it said "SHOOT THE SQUIRREL WITH JOHN F. KENNEDY'S HEAD. THEN SHOOT THE COWBOY BESIDE HIM. YOU DON'T LIKE COWBOYS ANYMORE. YOU DON'T LIKE *THIS* COWBOY (Picture of Governor Connally in a Cowboy hat). SHOOT THE SQUIRREL WITH JOHN F. KENNEDY'S HEAD. THEN SHOOT THE COWBOY BESIDE HIM."

Then they lift me up, in front of the open window.

I hear the voices: "Can he get up by himself?" "Lift him up!" "Don't let him open that eye!"

Slowly, I am lifted up, groggy and disoriented. I hear Daddy's crying voice say: "Please don't open that right eye, please don't open that eye, oh god, please don't open that eye."

David Ferrie says "Can you see John Kennedy on the little screen?" My heart leaps as I see John Kennedy in the convertible

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six floors below, but only through the "little screen", i.e. the gun sight; I secretly like John Kennedy, though Daddy hates him, and I am glad to see him on "the little screen". But it all happens so quickly, seeing John Kennedy and then Daddy yells:

"NOW!"

My finger automatically contracts on what I now know was the trigger. I have never seen the Zapruder film, except in little glimpses. In my recollection of the incident, this is what took place: My shot hits the President in the chest. To my amazement, he writhes sideways as the bullet hits. David Ferrie takes the rifle instantly, and fires two more shots as I collapse.

As he does, Daddy shouts: "Don't shoot Jacky, Ferrie! Don't shoot Jackie, or I'll kill ya right now!"

David Ferrie says: "Shut up, Bill!" - then, as three more shots ring out from elsewhere on the street - "Back-up! Good men! They could have left me hanging, but they didn't!"

I look out the window now, but David Ferrie gives the hypnotic command: "Don't look at the man we just shot!"

Either Daddy or David Ferrie says: "It's the end of the world. There's nothing but chaos out there now. Nothing."

I am groggy and disoriented, and am trying to take these words in a Catholic religious sense. I am looking around for signs of a Biblical Judgment Day, even though I cannot look toward the convertible *at all*, even if I wanted to, that was how great their power over me.

The next thing I remember is a man with glasses and a business suit, thirtysomething, short hair and professional-looking, entering. By now, we are all away from the window.

I call him Ultra Subaltern.

Ultra Subaltern says, matter-of-factly: "Everything go all right?"

David Ferrie says, "Well, Bill lost his head for a minute, but he's all right now." Daddy had no right to fly in David Ferrie's face like that over Jackie, they're thinking. Daddy nods nervously.

"You'll pay for that though, Bill," David Ferrie says.

Ultra Subaltern goes to the window.

Daddy says "You're going to the window?!" Ultra Subaltern says: "I was told to assess the situation. One of the ways to assess is by looking. Everyone is looking out windows now."

Ultra Subaltern leaves.

The next thing I remember is David Ferrie yelling "There's the signal!" Immediately, we were hustled into the hallway, with him carrying a suitcase. We walk rapidly down to the second floor. I do not yet know that the President has been shot, in spite of the fact that I've just witnessed it, and participated in it. My head is coming together a little now, and I say groggily that I'd like to see Lee now that we're in Dallas."

"You'll see him," says David Ferrie, then: "Casey, you never believe me on these things, but they don't even remember you. We slipped them something. You'll see."

We see Lee in the halls of the second floor, sweeping. I say, "Hi, Lee!" but he doesn't even look toward me. Immediately, David Ferrie starts yelling at him:

"I've got some friends here and I'm telling you we're through with you, you dumb sonofabitch, you goddamned fairy, yeah *you* goddamned fairy..."

I don't remember it all, but in the end, David Ferrie pushes Lee in the chest hard. I am embarrassed by this hostility toward a man I intended to meet as a friend. Lee is stoical, tight-lipped, and condescending, like he's just barely putting up with this abuse.

During this, people run by, and a woman yells, "Something's going on out there!"

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Lee starts to walk away, and David Ferrie says, "Where are you going?"

Lee says: "I'm going downstairs for a Coke." The altercation with David Ferrie has prevented Lee from learning that the President has been shot.

As Lee walks away, I step forward apologetically, and say, "Er...uh...Lee, the new Justice League comic came out..."

He looks at me blankly, and keeps walking. I feel my face redden. What could I have done wrong?

I don't remember the trip back, but the next thing I know, I was in a chair in front of a desk with Dr. E in it. Dr. E says, "we're taking you to school. Walk as fast as you can, and the faster you walk, the faster you'll forget this. You'll be late, so walk up to a girl, and tell her you went squirrel hunting, this morning, and as soon as you do, you'll forget all this, and the whole trip never happened."

Next I was hurrying down the halls of Peck High School.

But this was the story of little mice, David Ferrie's mice, that he used in his experiments while he made the disease that would make everyone who got it bald like him. No, this was the story of Conjurella, who divorced Uncle Johnny, and though she wrote for a while, I never saw Glinda again. No, this was the story of *Castle Mirage*, and my mother's obsession with hypnosis, and how that obsession *might* have come about, in an alternate world, in a parallel time. Not what truly happened, for *that*, no one knows, nor will, ever. Not truth, but Gothic Fiction; Alice: Life, what is it but a dream?

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Dialogue in Hell

between Ted Koppel and Tim McVeigh

by Lon Bracken

Dialogue One

Koppel: There are those of you out there who can't understand why we would interview Tim McVeigh, here and now, although I certainly am not one of them. Mr. McVeigh, someone famously observed, although I don't know who, is a pig in a poke. In other words, there's more to him than meets the eye. He maintains that the real story regarding the Oklahoma City bombing still hasn't been told, and even if it gets everyone angry at me, I'll agree. That he has graciously agreed to answer any question that deserves a response is miraculous. I'd like to begin, Mr. McVeigh, by asking you to tell our viewers, in your own words, how it is that you find yourself here.

McVeigh

Knowing that you'll dig this up later, although I don't know how much deeper you can go than this place, I may from time to time, and certainly at the start, be blunt - more blunt than I chose to be before my soul made its celebrated departure from the living realm: My role was cut out for me by police spies, call them what you will, lurking in the shadows of the military-industrial-entertainment complex.

Koppel: What are you saying? All the world's a stage and you were just playing your part? Do you think that if you acquit yourself well enough here, we'll invite you to host *Nightline*? Think again.

McVeigh: You have your role to play, Mr. Koppel; it was cut out for you by the same people who created my role. And far be it for

me to usurp your position in that hellish box of yours, stuffed to overflowing with lies. Has it occurred to you that, no I suppose it hasn't, that in a sense, we are the unwitting accomplices of fascism - you, of course, enjoy greater positive recognition, and financial and physical security, but this befits our roles: me the soldier, and you, the one with the gift of speech, the one who speaks so much and yet often fails to speak.

Koppel: You speak, pardon me, like a fool, Mr. McVeigh. I don't mean to sound ungrateful for this exclusive interview, but I should remind you that we are live, if I can use that phrase here, and this may be your best chance to tell the world your story. After all your lawyer, Stephen Jones, has disputed your honesty in *Others Unknown* - he knows you weren't the mastermind behind the conspiracy and points to an alliance of U.S. fascists and Iraq, with the complicity, at some level, of the American government.

McVeigh: With your own words - thank you Mr. Koppel - you illustrate how what is exclusive for you is the opposite for me. I'd like to tell my story under better circumstances, and I may have had them, but you're right, at this late stage, I can only accept the terms dictated by Lucifer and your henchmen. Please don't expect me to like it. What gets me is that you don't seem to have any qualms about your knowledge. If we could reverse roles for a moment, Mr. Koppel, I'd like to ask you how you sleep at night, knowing what you know?

Koppel: What are you insinuating that I know?

McVeigh: I've seen you over the years; you have a solid mind. One could go so far as to say that you have penetrating faculties, but I'm sure that only your wife knows about them. What I mean to say is that you know

how to give shape to thoughts and arguments and link them with other ideas in a down-to-earth way. Yet you're out there, in the clouds, seemingly oblivious to the most essential facts.

Koppel: Yes and no, but above all no in the sense that here I am in hell with you. If you had reached my age, which, unfortunately, you didn't, you might've realized that both yes and no are right and wrong.

McVeigh: Perhaps this is why we continually repeat our battles.

Koppel: Is that what you think?

McVeigh: Just now? Yes. But before you mentioned both sides being right and wrong, I might have told you I fought against the way scum floats to the top, the way people like you rise with the ruling class.

Koppel: No, you won't be hosting *Nightline*, I can assure you of that. Besides, I don't want you to have a mask of me in your prison-like circle of hell lest you receive undue attention for it. Speaking of prison romance, I heard that you and Kaczynski hit it off.

McVeigh: Kaczynski? As I'm sure you already know, he considered our operation, which killed 168 and injured more than 500, to be "unnecessarily inhumane," which I suppose is his right given that he only killed three and injured twenty-three. We both wanted freedom from forces of oppression; he found them concentrated in industrial forms of production whereas I'm more concerned with state institutions, hence he has more in common with Marx and me with Bakunin. You might even say that I'm more of an anarchist than your Unabomber. As for Ramzi Yousef, the so-called mastermind behind the World Trade Center Bombing, the other celebrity in our "bombers wing" of

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Supermax prison, he and I only discussed the movies we watched on those crappy little black and white television sets - your little circle of hell.

Koppel: I'm sure that our viewers could care less about your ideological disputations with the Unabomber or your opinions as a television critic. Was there romance?

McVeigh: Very funny - as if there could be romance when the closest we came to each other was in wire-mesh enclosures the Bureau of Prisons kept us in when we exercised. If I could reach your circle, Mr. Koppel, I'd show you who is more of a man. But I'll go so far as to say that you could call the conversations I had with fellow inmates dances, and there were moments when we drew near. But romance? No. I'm sorry to disappoint you and your viewer's taste for sex and scandal.

Koppel: Thank you for not insulting our viewers, if you please. Now I'd like to follow up on something you were talking about a moment ago. You're rather loose with the term fascism, wouldn't you say?

McVeigh: No, I'd say the current free-marketeers are even more irrational than Franco and Salazar. How? I'll tell you how - in their creation of fragmentation, if you will allow me this euphemism, and in their fundamentalist belief in markets. We know what markets have done to the world and its people - one doesn't have to be a professor at the London School of Economics to know that global inequality is rising rapidly, as it did during the Industrial Revolution. But blurred notions about markets and biased accounts of capitalism's mixed record obscure the obvious consequence: Everything and everyone is transformed into a commodity. Your semileft-leaning press finds postwar neofascism's most visible traits in its opposition to immigration, in its support for

more police powers and military intervention. For me, the most glaring characteristics are child labor and slavery that bring other commodities to market in such favorable conditions. I doubt that these marketeers have contingencies for when markets become too successful, when they're likely to move into realms like pollution. And populations will make polluters pay the fair market price for fouling the environment. The costs of labor and material could, for various market reasons, rise, and if they don't, the ensuing cost of security and industrial defense, always subject to swings in demand, will put limits on the system.

Koppel: You really do sound as though you spent too much time with Ted Kaczynski.

McVeigh: I know fascism when I see it.

Koppel: Did you see it with your bank-robbing comrades in the Aryan Republican Army? Can you talk to that a little?

McVeigh: I know fascism by its racism and xenophobia, and in this sense you're right about those cross-dressing bank robbers in the ARA. Deep down though, Pete Landan and Richard Guthrie were more criminals than ideologues. But I'll tell you what, Mr. Koppel, I also know fascism by its televised populism and machismo expressed in childlike language. Kaczynski may have a point if he says that the current elite is looking for any pretext, such as the Oklahoma City bombing, to institute more centralized repression. No, Mr. Koppel, I'm not using the word fascism loosely and I didn't pick it all up from Kaczynski. You know the history; the secret charms of your voice tell me that you're in on the secret.

Koppel: What secret, pray tell may I ask?

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McVeigh: The way fascism went underground and took an international turn after the second world war, you know, the shadow Reich, the Black Orchestra, the postwar Fascist International and its use of the strategy of tension.

Koppel: I'm afraid you've lost me there, Mr. McVeigh. Perhaps I didn't pose my question clearly enough. We'll be back with more on what our guest calls the strategy of tension.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF DISCORDIANISM

By Adam Gorightly

The following is an excerpt from a book in the works by Adam Gorightly, tentatively titled: *Zen and the Art of Mind Control: The Life and Times of Kerry Wendell Thornley*.

As popular history instructs, the "Discordian Society" was officially conceived around A.D. 1957-58, the offspring of a philosophical debate between Kerry Thornley and Greg Hill at a bowling alley located somewhere in Yorba Linda, California, as the pair sat sipping interminable cups of coffee and goofing to the universal theme of organized religions gone mad.

What eventually resulted from these inspired bowling alley exchanges was a light hearted and irreverent little religious tract of sorts known as the *Principia Discordia*, or *How I Found the Goddess and What I Did to Her When I Found Her*. Much of the *Principia Discordia* was written by Hill (Malaclypse the Younger), then passed back and forth and re-written and added on to by his fellow Discordian conspirators in years to follow, as each new edition was somewhat different from its previous incarnations. All in

all, the *Principia Discordia* took roughly ten years to put together; a period of time that included Hill's adolescence from the late 50s to his young adulthood in the 60s. The first edition came out in '65, and down through the years, the anonymous authorship of the *Principia Discordia* has been rumored to be the work of everyone from Timothy Leary to Alan Watts to Richard Nixon, who was born in Yorba Linda and is now buried there.

Another early member of the original Discordian Society was Bob Newport (aka Rev. Hypocrates Magoun), who I guess you could refer to as the third member of a holy trinity of Discordianism co-founders. One year the junior of Messrs Thornley and Hill, the pair took the young and introverted Newport under their notorious wing, aiding and abetting in the simultaneous corruption and illumination of this young initiate into the ways of the chaotic goddess.

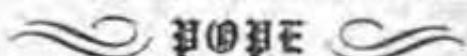
According to Newport, there was no one single bowling alley where the Discordian Movement was actually given birth, but in reality several different bowling alleys scattered throughout the greater Santa Ana area of Los Angeles. This revelation came as a devastating disappointment to your humble reporter, who--in the course of researching this tome--had planned a grand religious pilgrimage to this envisioned holy site, where I would snap sacred photos of the Church of the Holy Bowling Alley, and perhaps even fall to my knees before this fabled Mecca of Discordianism, bowing to the Goddess Eris--but such was not to be the case. As I discovered, the choice of a bowling alley really held no mystical significance, other than the fact it was a place where the underage (un)holy trinity of Thornley, Hill and Newport were able to buy beer and make mad visions come alive. Greg Hill, who looked old for his age, was usually the one buying beer for the rest of the bunch, which all drank thereof and then through holy intoxication summoned forth the chaotic

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spirit of the Goddess of Confusion and Discord. So much for Hill and Thornley's contention that they were busy sipping coffee in a bowling alley when the revelation of the Goddess Eris unfolded. Now, as the truth has been told by Bob Newport, the revelation of the Goddess Eris had as much to do with alcohol induced reveries as it did caffeine inspired visions. As related in *The Principia Discordia*:

Suddenly the place became devoid of light. Then an utter silence enveloped them, and a great stillness was felt. Then came a blinding flash of intense light, as though their very psyches had gone nova. Then vision returned.

The two were dazed and neither moved nor spoke for several minutes. They looked around and saw that the bowlers were frozen like statues in a variety of comic positions, and that a bowling ball was steadfastly anchored to the floor only inches from the pins that it had been sent to scatter. The two looked at each other, totally unable to account for the phenomenon. The condition was one of suspension, and one noticed that the clock had stopped.

There walked into the room a chimpanzee, shaggy and grey about the muzzle, yet upright to his full five feet, and poised with natural majesty. He carried a scroll and walked to the young men.

"Gentlemen," he said, "why does Pickering's Moon go about in reverse orbit? Gentlemen, there are nipples on your chest; do you give milk? And what, pray tell,

Gentlemen, is to be done about Heisenberg's Law?" He paused. "SOMEBODY HAD TO PUT ALL OF THIS CONFUSION HERE!"

And with that he revealed the scroll. It was a diagram, like a yin-yang with a pentagon on one side and an apple on the other. And then he exploded and the two lost consciousness.

They awoke to the sound of pins clattering, and found the bowlers engaged in their game and the waitress busy making coffee. It was apparent that their experience had been private...

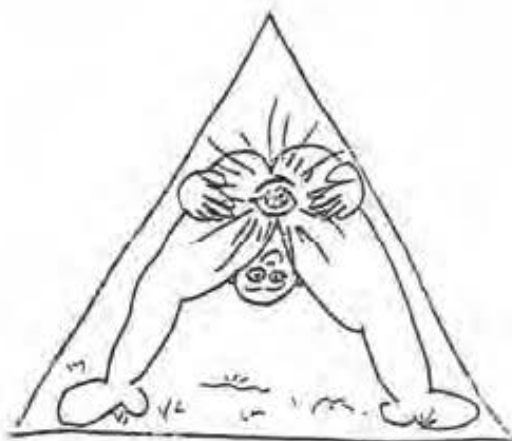
During the course of their divinely inspired revelation, Kerry and Greg were born again into their Discordian personas of Omar Khayyam Ravenhurst (Kerry) and Malaclypse the Younger (Greg). Over the next few years, Omar and Mal spent endless hours researching the cryptic meanings behind the obscure symbol that appeared on the chimpanzee's parchment. On the fifth night--following "The Revelation"--Omar and Mal shared the same dream in which Eris appeared unto them and declared: "I am chaos. I am the substance from which your artists and scientists build rhythms. I am the spirit with which your children and clowns laugh happy in anarchy. I am alive, and I tell you that you are free." Ensuing visions revealed to Mal and Omar that the symbol--revealed unto them via the chimp's parchment--was called The Sacred Chao, and that for further information thereof they would need to consult their pineal glands. Go figure...

From what I've been able to discern, Discordianism was cooked up as a parody of all major religions, and served as a vehicle in which Thornley, Hill, et al. could improvise upon a theme. Discordianism--for the uninitiated--is a "spoof" religion dedicated to the worship of Eris, the Greek Goddess of chaos, also known in Latin as Discordia. Of course, some would contend that Discordianism is much more than a mere

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spoof, and is, in fact, the world's first true religion. Furthermore, the Discordian Movement has been described as a Non-Prophet Irreligious Disorganization that some claim is a complicated joke disguised as a new religion. Discordians themselves contend that it's actually a new religion disguised as a complicated joke. And although humor is a central theme in Discordianism, just the same the movement shouldn't be totally dismissed as all fun and giggles.

The Principia Discordia is the revelation of the doctrine of Chaos and the worship of the Goddess Eris, telling the story of how humanity fell from grace due to the Original Snub. According to legend, the Original Snub came about when Zeus hosted a wedding banquet for Peleus and Thetis, but failed to invite Eris because of her reputation as a troublemaker. As payback, Eris created an apple of pure gold upon which she inscribed KALLISTI ("To the prettiest one"). The ensuing fight, over whom the apple referred to, ostensibly launched the Trojan War; this was the first war of mankind--according to some legends--where these mad Greek Gods fought over the golden apple, which was a perfect example of chaos at work. Besides the Trojan War, the Apple of Discord subsequently unleashed a whole

smattering of other Discordian mysteries, including the Law of Fives, which suggests that all events in the universe are related back to the number five--and that this relationship can always be demonstrated, given enough ingenuity on the part of the demonstrator. The Law of Five's in Discordianism is further demonstrated in the Five Commandments. There's also the Five Apostles of Eris, the five ranks within Discordianism, and the five fingered hand of Eris guiding all of Mankind's chaotic movements. The first run of *The Principia Discordia* consisted of five copies, published in '65.

The practice of Erisinaism--i.e. sowing the seeds of chaos as a means of achieving a higher state of awareness--is a perceptual game of sorts, better known in some quarters as Operation Mindphuck (OP). In this manner, the skewing of reality can be used as a method to attain illumination, in whatever guise it may appear. And it was just this sort of dichotomy that seemed to be much of the impetus behind The Discordian Society, such as it was and is: a mock religion--though wholly tongue in cheek--that somehow leads to greater wisdom. Such seemed to be what those wacky Discordians were getting at. At least that's my take, as



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admittedly I've never been a card-carrying member of the Discordian Society, although in spirit I can certainly relate to it.

Like the Zen master whacking his student on the noggin and laughing at the pure idiocy of existence (which in some cases immediately produces divine visions) "peak experiences" are also known to accompany the practice of Erisianism; a practice which suggests that the absurd is just as valid as the mundane, and chaos just as valid as order. The unstated goal of Erisianism/Discordianism is to liberate the practitioner from the so-called "order games" that make up our everyday routines of work-a-day regimentation. Among these teachings is the rejection of "dogma" for "catma". As dogma is a proposition, which is either true or false, a catma can contain an infinite number of meanings, some true, others false, and some whose meaning may change at a moment's notice, the false becoming true, or the truth, suddenly a falsehood.

But alas, in time--like most major religions--division reared its ugly head within the hierarchy of the Discordian movement, and soon it grew into two somewhat opposing factions...but of course, this was according to the rule, "We Discordians must stick apart." On one side of this yin/yang coin, was the Erisian Liberation Front (ELF) led by none other than Ho Chi Zen (another Kerry Thornley moniker). ELF promoted the more anarchic and anti-authoritarian attitudes of the Discordian Movement, whereas the other faction, The Paratheo-Anametamystikhood of Eris Esoteric (POEE), led by Malaclypse the Younger, taught a more mystical doctrine. These two combating Discordianisms represent the metaphysical hodge and podge as depicted in the Sacred Chao.

NOTES:

1. Sometime after writing this, I was granted Discordian Pope-hood by none other than

Lady L., F.A.B. when she presented me with an original Discordian Pope card that had once passed through the very hands of Malaclypse The Younger. When I confided to Lady L. that I wasn't sure if I was ready to accept such an important responsibility as Discordian Pope-hood, her reply was, in typical Discordian fashion: "You are ready when you say you are." In due time, I did accept this blessed event, after of course deciding what my Discordian Pope name should be: "The Wrong Reverend Houdini Kundalini, of the Church of the Plastic Organ Cabal."

This name pleased Lady L.

Letter from the UK

By Robin Ramsay

Like most if not all of the people who read this, I am still getting used to living in the post 9:11 world and when Kenn asked me to write this it was 9:11 which loomed largest.

I began writing this six months and one day after the plane-bombings. Within 24 hours of the event, like many others, I began reading material on the Net about the incident; and, like many others, I suspect, as I quickly became overwhelmed by the flood of information and speculation, I began skimming and saving rather than reading the material on the event. I have just checked the size of the file on it I now have: 3.1 mb. How many words is that? 300,000 words, maybe - two big books worth. So, I'm not going to attempt to synthesise all that material. I am, however, going to use it to hang some thoughts on.

The plane-bombings was the first mega event in the Internet age, the first really big subject the conspiracy culture was presented to deal with. And that culture's response was very striking. Within hours all manner of people with different political positions, mostly but not exclusively from the United States, had decided - had assumed - the event was a phony; a stunt. They knew, they could see, they could

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intuit (since there was almost no evidence to work with) that it was a stunt by - the majority view - the US state (CIA?) in some form; or - the minority view - the Israeli state.

Now this is a truly *startling* idea. A bunch of Americans, state employees, have sat down somewhere and decided to kill thousands - potentially tens of thousands - of their fellow citizens in pursuit of other policy goals. I watched this notion growing and thickening in the first few days after 9:11 with fascination; but I never quite believed it. I couldn't quite bring myself to say, as Sherman Skolnick did, on day 2, that the plane-bombings were the American Reichstag fire. And I still have not seen evidence to stand this up.

For a mere reader of words on a screen like me, the story is impossible to handle. Take this elementary question: could the al Qaeda people really have done the job? Part of the question is undoubtedly racism, the underlying thought being: could a bunch of rag-heads get this together? But there is also a real question: would flight school training on little planes and simulator programmes enable them to fly the planes into the World Trade Centre? No, say groups of American pilots; no way, it's a complicated thing to do.

In the second or third week after 9:11 what purported to be the views of a group of pilots appeared in the Net. *The enemy is inside the gates* by Donni de Grand Préé (sic). (1) The purported pilots' comments included these:

"Troubling questions arose about the alleged pilot-hijackers of the four aircraft, who were supposedly trained on Cessna aircraft over the past year at fields in Florida and Oklahoma. One General officer remarked, OEI seriously question whether these novices could have located a target dead-on 200 miles removed from takeoff point...-- much less controlled the flight and mastered the

intricacies of 11FR (instrument flight rules) -- and all accomplished in 45 minutes.'

The extremely skilful maneuvering of the three aircraft at near mach speeds, each unerringly hitting their targets, was superb. As one Air Force officer -- a veteran of over 100 sorties over North Vietnam -- explained, "Those birds (commercial airliners) either had a crack fighter pilot in the left seat, or they were being maneuvered by remote control."

But I have a friend who has flown small planes and gliders all his life and he told me, "There's nothing to it. I could teach you in an hour. The only tricky bit is take-off and landing."

Who do I believe?

My problem with the American Reichstag fire argument was this: if some section of the US state wanted to cause an outrage, why would it chose something quite so massive? And why do it there, where their cousins and their siblings - their people, as it were - work? Why not Disneyland, or a section of Detroit? We know that the US state has considered creating terrorist outrages. It was one of the ironies of these events that the existence of such pseudo-terrorism plans in the 1960s was revealed in the aftermath of 9:11. This was Operation Northwood, proposals put to the Joint Chiefs and then to Robert McNamara. Here are some extracts

JCS to Secretary of War Robert McNamara
March 13, 1962.

"1. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have considered the attached memorandum for the chief of Operations, Cuba Project, which responds to a request by that office for brief but precise description of pretexts which would provide

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justification for US military intervention in Cuba."

Among the options discussed were:

" 3. A 'Remember the Maine' incident could be arranged in several forms:

a. We could blow up a US ship and blame Cuba...

c. We could develop a Communist Cuba terror campaign in the Miami area, in other Florida cities and even in Washington. The terror campaign could be pointed at Cuban refugees seeking haven in the United States. We could sink a boatload of Cubans en route to Florida (real or simulated). We could foster attempts on lives of Cubans in the United States even to the extent of wounding in instances to be widely publicized. Exploding a few bombs in carefully chosen spots. The arrest of Cuban agents and the release of prepared documents substantiating Cuban involvement....

5. A "Cuban-based, Castro-supported" filibuster could be simulated against a neighboring Caribbean nation. These efforts can be magnified with additional ones contrived for exposure. "Cuban" B-26 or C-46 type aircraft could make cane-burning raids at night. Soviet Bloc incendiaries could be found. ...Harassment of civil air, attacks on surface shipping, and destruction of US military drone aircraft by MIG type planes would be useful...
7. Hijacking attempts against US civil air and surface craft should be encouraged." (2)

And so on. These proposals were apparently the work of the notorious Edward Lansdale, described in the document as "Chief of the Cuba Project, CIA liaison to USAF".

But it is a hell of a jump from these kind of stunts to plane-bombing the financial heart of America. Would some Pentagon or CIA planning unit tasked with coming up with such a scheme in 2001 really scale-up that far? Why not something a little less spectacular?

For JFK assassination buffs like me the comparison was obvious: this is going to be as big as the killing of Kennedy; and will last as



long. This is JFK for the Internet generation. But while the comparison is obvious and initially plausible, a little thought shows two big differences. The most obvious difference is the fact that if the conspiracy theories about 9:11 are right, *this is infinitely bigger than the killing of Kennedy*. The second is that the existence of Net has changed everything. With JFK the critics had to wait for the Warren Commission, then find somewhere to publish articles or books. The Kennedy critics didn't get going until 1966 and the publication of the books by Weisberg (*Whitewash*), Lane (*Rush to Judgment*) and Epstein (*Inquest*), more than two years after the assassination; and didn't *really* get going until the late 1970s and the explosion of revelations about the CIA and FBI in the wake of Watergate. On the analogy with the JFK assassination, the 9:11 critics had galloped past 1966 *the day after the event*.

There is one significant similarity between the two events. Just as in the Kennedy assassination, the Cui bono? question tells us nothing useful. Just as in the JFK case, almost everybody on the political right and the military - intelligence - industrial complex benefited from 9:11. The budget proposals for fiscal 2002-3 and 2004-5 of every security and intelligence outfit in the western world was rewritten, expanded and padded in the days following 9:11. At last the post-Soviet period had produced a bona fide threat! No more having to pretend that the US (and the West) is threatened by the likes of Iraq or, even more ludicrous, North Korea! As Norman Mailer said: "The right wing benefited so much from September 11 that, if I were still a

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conspiratorialist, I would believe they'd done it." (3)

But there is no *evidence* yet that the US state did it, or that they were given specific warnings and let it happen, perceiving such an attack to provide a useful pretext for an assault on Afghanistan already being planned. What I see is an intelligence-gathering system which is really rather good and which did receive lots of non-specific warnings of something in the pipeline from al Qaeda but which was unable to specifically predict what and where.

Two days before the plane-bombings the *New York Times* ran a piece about the threat posed by bin Laden - a piece they subsequently removed from their Web site for reasons unknown. (4) Read this piece and it is obvious that the US intelligence system - the ultimate source for the article - knew precisely what al Qaeda was about, knew that US interests were going to be attacked, but didn't know when or how. The instant the second plane hit the Twin Towers a huge swathe of American intelligence and security personnel knew who had done it: there was only one candidate.

NOTES:

1. www.whatreallyhappened.com/enemy.html
2. www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/20010430/docl.pdf
3. Reported in the *Vancouver Sun*, Saturday, February 23, 2002. This is Mailer's way of saying he suspects the right wing did do it without quite committing himself to such a dangerous statement. Thus far no-one with any intellectual weight from the straight political and media worlds has dared.
4. The piece has been preserved and is at www.democrats.com/view.cfm?id=5942

BOOK REVIEW

EXTREME ISLAM

Anti-American Propaganda of Muslim Fundamentalism

Edited by Adam Parfrey

Feral House

--reviewed by Acharya S

Extreme Islam is an important book, particularly in consideration of the immense wave of propaganda being promulgated in the Western world depicting Islam as a "peaceful religion." As should have been obvious to anyone who has been alive for more than a couple of decades, Islam is not a "peaceful religion" but has been the cause of violence and agitation for centuries, now taking its bloody show on the global road. Despite the denials and cries of "misinterpretation," the main Islamic holy texts, including the Koran, constantly call for the death and destruction of the "infidel," calls that have been heeded for hundreds of years. Islam's history, in fact, is full of violence, which makes the current nonsense regarding "peacefulness" that much more disingenuous and injudicious. It is with tremendous peril that the "free world" ignores the reality, which is that Islam is an ideology that exhorts domination over, or death of, "infidels," a moniker that includes anyone not willing to submit to one of the most oppressive and brutal dogmas ever developed by the human mind.

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It is further apparent that Americans suffer from short memories and amnesia, evidently utterly forgetting that the rash of hijackings which took place in the 70s in the U.S. were committed by Islamic terrorists. In reality, those who are mindlessly buying into the "peaceful religion" propaganda must completely overlook the constant terror worldwide most definitely committed in the name of Allah and Islam, including the hijacking of the Achille Lauro, etc.; the suicide bombings in many places; *fatwas* such as the call for the death of Salman Rushdie; the actual murders of numerous writers, publishers and intellectuals; the abysmal treatment of women; or any number of aggressive acts.

Thankfully, not all Americans and non-Muslims are so eager to believe the current disinformation concerning the nature of Islam.

Fortunately, editor and publisher Adam Parfrey does not shirk from facing this reality but seeks to expose the true nature of Islam in its "full glory." Using the words of fundamentalist Muslims themselves, *Extreme Islam* demonstrates clearly that terrorist acts are

not those of a "deranged few" who are sully the good name of Islam but, rather, fall squarely within Islam's main tenets. With essays and speeches from some of the leading Muslims, including Ayatollah Khomeini, whose depiction of "God" was nothing less than psychopathic, *Extreme Islam* is not some sort of "Western propaganda" that can be ignored or vilified by the "peaceful" Muslims. Ignoring the facts presented in *Extreme Islam* will - not may, but will - prove highly dangerous to the Western world, the U.S. in particular. The timing for *Extreme Islam* could not be better, as increasing numbers of people seek to understand Islam, finally realizing that it is not something "out there," apart from their microcosmic realities. It is upon us, here and now, and must be faced. Those who practice Islam and are themselves truly peaceful would do well to further their own understanding of what it is exactly that they follow, and why they insist upon giving it credibility and longevity by continuing thus to follow it. Such peace-loving individuals could, in reality, follow any religion and find within it the same qualities that attract them to, or keep them involved in, Islam. The determination of one's religion is overwhelmingly based on an accident of birth, rather than reason; hence, the world's religions are highly interchangeable, although some are plainly saner and more logical than others.

In the interest of understanding and preventing further reprehensible acts of violence, it would be wise for every thinking adult to read *Extreme Islam*, a book unique in its genre, in that it does not attempt to whitewash but instead reveals the naked truth.

-Acharya S

Author, *The Christ Conspiracy: The Greatest Story Ever Sold* and *Suns of God: Krishna, Buddha and Christ Unveiled*.

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The Greatest Danger To America

by Al Martin

Are we to remain a nation convenient to our politicians?

Are we to remain a nation that, according to Bob Dole is "The Land of the Provincial and Home of the Naïve...Thank God"?

In the rush for political expediency, the first two things that are always sacrificed are the hard-won rights and liberties of the people and any notion of fiscal accountability by their government.

Now that Tom Ridge has been sworn in as the director of the new Office of Homeland Security (October 8, 2001), it's official. In his acceptance speech, Ridge said, "Although some sacrifices will have to be made, the essential freedoms of the American people will be protected."

And this is a very sinister message. What he's saying is that there obviously will be "sacrifices" in the civil rights of the people. And then he's saying the "essential" civil rights of the people will be maintained. But who determines what the word "essential" means? And who determines what "rights" are essential?

Certainly the people are not going to determine that. And Ridge didn't say who would be doing the determining. When Bush spoke for a few minutes, he answered that question. He said that who would be doing the determining would be the "Supreme National Security Council." It will exist above the Homeland Security Directorate, and will be chaired by George Bush, various cabinet members and certain others who have had long-term political allegiances to his father.

What they're saying is that since this is a super-agency, immune from congressional oversight or judicial review, there has to be

some regulatory body above it. That will make this new Council extra-legal, extra-constitutional, extra-judicial, and extra-legislative. And it's even extra-executive.

Bush then will be essentially assuming power as Chairman of the Supreme National Security Council.

It's becoming clear how extraordinary the authority that this new agency, the Office of Homeland Security, along with its little brother, the Office of Cyberspace Security, really has. What it means is that this agency's authority effectively guts the Whistleblower Act of 1986 and the subsequent Whistleblower Protection Act of 1991.

Government whistleblowers are no longer afforded the same measure of protection that they were before. Whistleblowers could actually go into court and request federal protection from US Marshals. They can't do that anymore.

Also the creation of this agency with its vast new powers effectively guts the Freedom of Information Act. Since this agency is operating essentially under National Security law, as amended 1949-1950, and not regular Title Code 18 law, it can classify all of its operations and documents. It would be immune from any public request for information. Virtually all of its budget is classified. It does not have to submit any public accounting for the money it spends – not even to the General Accounting Office. This is part of the power it will have as a super extra-legal, extra-constitutional body. The only submission to GAO that is required will be total receipts and total expenditures – what all agencies have to give the GAO even under classified spending, but they don't have to break that spending down at all.

Furthermore (and they are preparing the public for this), Bush knows there will be many Supreme Court challenges when we are past this "first blush of patriotism."

When the American people have taken off their rose-colored glasses and only have their normal blinders on, there will be many

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proceedings in the Supreme Court over the authority being given this agency. That's why Bush is saying that this ruling council, this Supreme National Security Council, has decided that its only judicial accountability will be with the National Security Court in Washington DC, a court which the administration controls.

What does this do? It not only suspends *habeas corpus*, but it does so on a virtually unlimited basis.

Even during the Civil War, when Lincoln suspended *habeas corpus*, there were still some rules. For example, you could not hold somebody for more than 90 days without charge.

With this new agency, not only do they act *ex post facto* with regards to *habeas corpus* -- there aren't any limits being imposed. They could literally detain people for years -- for as long as they wanted. There is no limitation. When people talk about the suspension of *habeas corpus*, they talk about when Lincoln did it during the Civil War, or when Franklin Roosevelt did it on a limited basis during the Second World War.

Ridge has already said that they have the authority to hold people indefinitely. In wartime suspension of *habeas corpus*, there are still rules. This is not a simple suspension of *habeas corpus*, but it is in effect its elimination. The power is granted to the Office of Homeland Security by default because it is immune from judicial review.

Likewise, there is a complete suspension of Fourth Amendment privilege of unwarranted search and seizure. For the first time ever, a US agency is given the power to seize assets without judicial proceeding or review.

In other words, people whose assets are seized have no recourse. They are being given no recourse under the law. This agency doesn't have to claim anything. Since they are immune from judicial review, they don't even have to come up with a reason. All they have to say is that, "pursuant to the security of the State, we

believe these assets may be used by those who would represent a threat to the security of the State or the domestic tranquility of the people."

Technically the assets of any person or news agency which would attempt to disseminate the truth to the people could be seized -- since under the National Security Act, the truth about government operations can be withheld from the people if the dissemination of said truths is deemed to be injurious to the security of the State or the domestic tranquility of the people.

In other words, if you don't tell the truth to the people, their tranquility will be assured.

Detainees or targets of the new State Security bureau (Office of Homeland Security) will no longer have the right of Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination.

In other words, they can be compelled to talk by "any means necessary," i.e., torture, interrogation, etc. Section 409C of the National Security Act, pursuant to the political and state security acts thereunto, states that a person whom the government believes is involved in an act contrary to the security of the State can be compelled by whatever measures necessary to reveal information.

Furthermore this State Security agency will be given the old FBI power under the 1942 Seditious Publication Act. This power, formally given to the FBI in the past, was done away with in 1972, when J. Edgar Hoover died -- because he so abused this power. The power of this Act will be given to this new State Security. It will give this agency the ability to label publications as "seditious" and to prevent their publication and transmission thereunto by both print and electronic means.

Previously there was the United States Title Code Statutes 792/793, otherwise known as the "Sedition Acts of 1798," which came right after the Logan Amendments of 1794. Since the times of George Washington, "sedition acts" have not been used. And now we are talking about the revival of the Seditious

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Publication Acts of 1942, which is particularly sinister, because it gives our new super State Security agency the power to label publications seditious to prevent their transmission and to prevent their printing. That means they can be prevented from being mailed or disseminated electronically or otherwise, a power, which will undoubtedly be used by the new Office of Cyber Space Security. In fact, even the truth regarding government activities or operation can be deemed seditious and its dissemination to the public prevented.

In the past, when the government went on a tear to deny the people's rights, even *Life Magazine* from 1968 to 1972 was formally declared a "seditious publication" by the FBI because of its photo expose' of the horrors of Vietnam. They were showing a lot of dead and twisted American bodies. The FBI considered this "anti-patriotic" and "seditious" because it was fomenting unrest and thus aiding those who didn't want to see US involvement in the war.

So far there has been absolutely no congressional or judicial opposition to this. Public opinion polls state that the American people are willing to sacrifice whatever is necessary in the so-called new "War Against Terrorism." Of course, what they're not saying is that the Bush Administration very craftily says to the people that we need this power to detain terrorists, to freeze assets of terrorists, and to hold terrorists *ex post facto* of *habeas corpus*. What they're not seeing is that in the actual authorization bills, obviously the word "terrorist" is not used. The word "suspect" or "detainee" is used. Of course, it's very doubtful that all suspects or detainees will be limited to those who wear turbans. A "suspect" or a "detainee" can mean anything.

This means that there will be unlimited and virtually unfettered electronic surveillance and eavesdropping. This will include the unfettered ability to surveil the American people and to intercept communications. The only lip service paid to this is that finally George Bush made the comment that "we will

not diminish the hard-won rights and liberties of the American people," which, of course is precisely what he is setting about doing.

If all bills and measures currently proposed pass, the financial cost to the American people (an increase in federal spending) will be \$343 billion over the next three-year period. This includes the airline bailout measure, increases in direct foreign grants, and increase in rescheduling Russian debt again and enormous increases in domestic building programs.

And where is the money coming from? There are no "surpluses." The "surpluses" are gone. All of this money will be 100% deficit financed and because the Bush Administration has abandoned its traditional strong dollar policy, this will build a powerful inflationary whammy into our economy. We will feel the effects of this down the road.

These two measures - a massive increase in deficit financing along with abandoning a strong dollar policy, which contains inflation - will produce a huge inflationary wallop in a few years.

There are many appropriation bills now in Congress, and everybody is tacking on something because this is pork-barrel heaven. Since the public doesn't care, everybody in Congress and their brother is tacking on an extra \$10 million for some little pet project.

Note the foolishness of the liberal Democrats, who, in an effort to get brownie points in the "first blush of patriotism," are jumping on the band wagon of restricting Americans' civil liberties - *a la* Senator John Kerry's bill for interstate transportation security.

If Kerry's bill passes, we will have interstate checkpoints for public transportation for the first time in this country. We didn't even have that during the war.

There may be many a "conspiracy theorist" that has been a lone voice in the wilderness who may be vindicated. Although it has not been announced yet, a further

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diminishment of Americans' rights to keep and bear arms is certainly coming. The Bush Administration hasn't gone that far yet because it would virtually be a killer for them to say that now.

As long as Bush has an 80% approval rating and as long as 80% of the American people approve these so-called "security" measures, Bush, who has a large gun-owning constituency, will be able to get away with it, and there will be further restrictions on civilian ownership of firearms.

There's something called the "Old 80-80." If you're a President of the United States and you have an 80% approval rating, and you have initiated a policy under a crisis (even if it is your administration which has maintained the level of fear) that has an 80% approval rating, then you can propose legislation that is *directly* contrary to the belief of your constituency and yet it won't hurt you politically – or it won't hurt you enough to make any difference when you run for reelection.

An historical precedent was the time when Nixon imposed wage and price controls in 1971. Nixon's constituency (primarily the wealthy, Big Business, and major corporations) was vehemently opposed to price controls, yet he imposed them anyway – under the guise of having to "fight to contain the collapse of the American dollar" after he closed the gold window. Then they came up with the policy of dramatically increasing the price of crude oil and the US dollar just fell out of bed. The Dollar Crisis of 1971 reached its peak, when even the French central bank refused to accept US dollars.

If you create enough of a crisis situation, even the people who will be hurt by a change in the law will support it.

Now we need to ask – are we so certain we want to support National Identification Cards? Are we so certain that, like our Canadian cousins, we are prepared to become a homogenized, pasteurized, wimpified, and neutered society?

If we, as the quintessential American couch potatoes with our rose-colored glasses, eyes glazed over from hour after hour of mind-numbing sitcoms, whose only awareness of the news comes from compressed sound bites and encapsulated print bullets, succumb to this, then we will most certainly find ourselves robbed of our hard won rights and liberties.

All of the legislation proposed since September 12 (if it is to pass) will constitute the largest transfer of the rights and liberties of the American people back to the government in the history of the Republic.

What of all the wars that we have fought – the millions of us who have shed our blood to maintain our rights and liberties as American citizens?

What do we say – that these sacrifices were in vain? For that is precisely what we will be saying, if we continue to keep our heads in the sand and say nothing in this hour when our rights and liberties are in the greatest peril.

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When Will They Ever Learn?

The Strange Case of the Unrepentant UFO Researchers **by Greg Bishop**

There is no question about when the saucer bug bit me. Each week, from the time I was about five years old until I found better things to do, like drink and try to get laid, my dad took my sis and me to the local library. He took us there with no other admonition than to take out as many books as we thought we could finish in a week. At about age 10, the Dewey Decimal section containing the "UFOs and Paranormal" books were exhausted, and I had to move onto greener pastures in another neighborhood library.

The strange story of Barney and Betty Hill pulled my imagination like taffy. This couple who had been taken for "Two Hours Aboard A UFO" and told their story to a Boston psychologist. Not only was it fantastic, it was also REAL, or as real as my prepubescent mind wanted it to be. I still think it was "real," with the appropriate quote marks.

And who could surpass the strange case of Antonio Villas-Boas, who was kind of non-forcibly raped by a red-haired space babe while plowing the back 40' on his family's Brazilian farm in 1957? Apart from the usual schoolyard innuendoes, this was my introduction to the frightening mysteries of sex. This may be one of the reasons that I never got many dates. In any case, weirdness had to take a backseat to growing and throwing up until I reached the age of about 25, but at that point, I still pretty much believed what I was told or read.

That's when I met Bill Moore and the world (my world anyway) changed.

In 1989, he was ready to tell the story of his involvement with the hitherto under-reported shenanigans of the Air Force Office

of Special Intelligence (AFOSI.) A few weeks before the national Mutual UFO Network Convention, he said "I'm going to tell them something that will stand the UFO community on its head." He wasn't kidding. When he took the stage in the blistering Las Vegas midsummer, his words burned just about all the bridges he had to his fellow researchers and inflicted collateral damage on much of the rest. In the now familiar story he confessed to cooperating with the AFOSI to keep tabs on saucer researcher Paul Bennewitz and watch, silently, as their agents slowly drove him nuts. Moore's part of the Faustian bargain netted him valuable material for his books and articles, and an inside view of how the US government commits counterintelligence against its citizens. He told the assembled insiders just how outside they were in the UFO info loop, and warned them not to trust everything they heard from government sources. This might be applied to Moore as well, and he admitted it.

Leaving the well-worn ethics questions for now, we may ask, "What have UFO groups and researchers done to wise up to bullshit since 1989?" Well, with a few exceptions not much really. The naïveté of these ego junkies is still preyed upon by domestic intel interests, and those out for fame or the fast buck. The sorry state of things at present is not due simply to 9/11 fallout. The handbasket was on the express special to hell long before that.

So, this is a warning, and perhaps a bit of a "I'm through with you" (at least until something piques my interest again.)

Who speaks for the UFO community now? Certainly not Steven "Release The Files" Greer. At the last MUFON conclave in Southern Cali, he sounded just like an evangelist-- strutting about the stage and pausing for applause every three or four sentences, like Louis Farrakhan at the Million Man March. The difference was that the things he was rallying for don't really concern a large percentage of the population. Now, I'm the last one cheering for "respectability" in the saucer field, but to me, he looked even sillier

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than those Operation Right To Know people from the late '80s. Isn't he supposed to be reaching out to the unwashed? Preaching to the choir is not the way to get a message out on a subject that's pretty strange for the general public, unless you're trying to break into inadvertent standup comedy.

Maybe the "disclosure" problem was cornered by Jack Nicholson's character in *A Few Good Men*, when he hollered, "YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE TRUTH!!"

As things become more (and paradoxically less) clear in the UFO/ Spook dynamic, it looks like the Federal/ military/ industrial complex knows not much more about paranormal and otherworldly weirdness than the private investigators. Why is it that the UFO groups have been infiltrated from the beginning? At first, it was the possibility that nasty reds and subversives were fomenting revolution under the guise of advice from benevolent space brothers, and perhaps there were a few things the power structure could soak up from the saucer clubs that they couldn't get on their own. But these days, the largest (and shrinking) private study group in the world (MUFON again) hasn't been pushing the "government secrecy" issue very much, in favor of more tales of alien abduction and other nocturnal intrusions. Did the government lose interest in the subject? Probably not. Maybe it's because the civilian groups no longer have anything to say that "those in the know" don't know already.

In any case, Greer goes on his metry way talkin' the gospel according to Steve, and picking up acolytes on the way. Doesn't he know that intel types not only lie their compartmentalized asses off, the retired military dudes he relies on so heavily don't seem to have ever been in the loop on anything. This (like him, and it, or not) was what Moore was trying to get across to his brothers and sisters. Other seekers in the shadows rely on government contacts, not realizing that they aren't going to learn anything that their handlers don't want them to, and

must rely on patience and careful note taking in order to see patterns and tributaries that may take years to reveal themselves.

One researcher that seems to be treading this lonely path is Californian Randy Koppang. At the 1999 Laughlin UFO conclave, he and abductee Melinda Leslie announced they had uncovered a quasi-governmental group (probably now defunct) calling itself the Advanced Theoretical Physics Working Group. The stated *raison d'être* for the ATPWG was to "plan and set policy regarding the UFO issue." The group allegedly included such members as physicist/ parapsychological researcher Hal Puthoff and possibly our old and respected friend Jacques Vallee. One member who has actually admitted to his participation is he Grey Ghost himself, Col. John Alexander. The only other participant who has acknowledged his membership was Ed Dames, and with these two former spooks calling the shots, who can ever know the ultimate truth of the matter? Koppang and associates quietly plod on, maybe trying to find answers that will thoroughly satisfy them and their harshest critics instead of quickly, loudly, and vociferously claiming some pyrrhic victory.

Was Col. Phillip Corso ever up on the "big secret?" Probably not. He was told what he needed to know. And so is most of the new wave of UFO research, sitting at the bottom of the UFO info food chain. Just like the rest of us. Sometimes I wish I could just forget it all and start over again, bushwhacking my way through the books at the local library, but you can't go home again. At least, not without some heavy psychedelics and an MKULTRA-trained therapist.

Think outside the box. We may have ALL been Paul Bennewitz'ed for the last 20 years.

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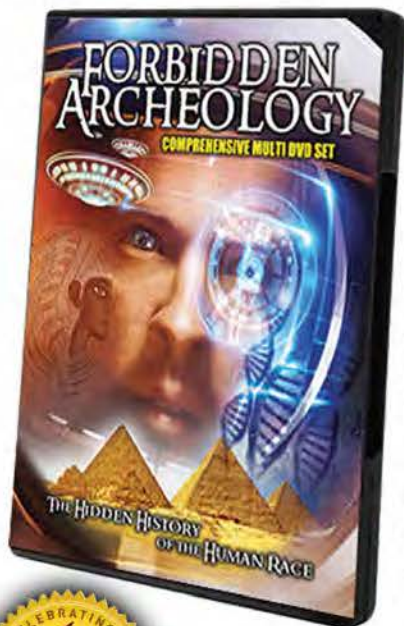
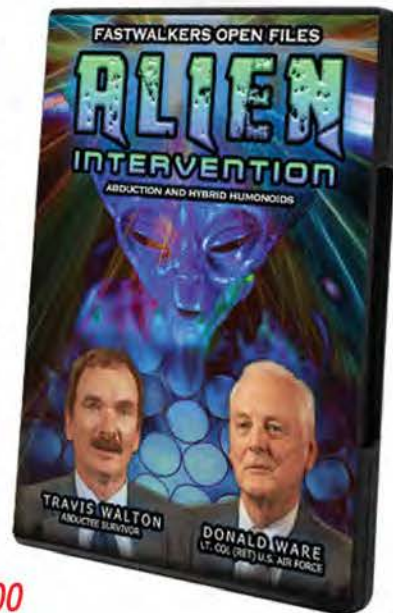
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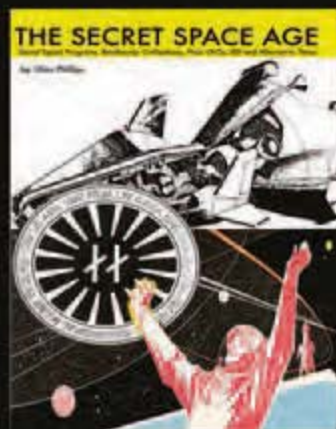
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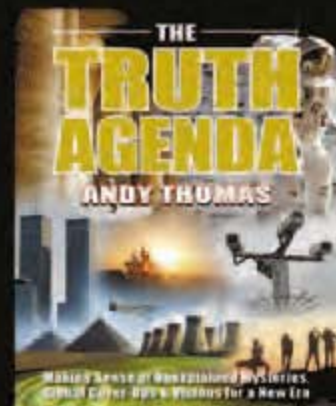


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